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**SUBJECT: AIRPORT SECURITY**

As you may be aware, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has elevated its threat level to **Orange** or **High Risk**. The continued vigilance of our aviation community is requested during this period, and we encourage our tenant businesses, aircraft owners and operators to be proactive in following the security recommendations outlined below.

- Secure unattended aircraft to prevent unauthorized use.
- Verify the identification of crew and passengers prior to departure.
- Verify that the persons on board know baggage and cargo.
- **Wear proper airport identification** and challenge persons not wearing proper identification.
- Direct increased vigilance to unknown pilots and/or clients for aircraft or helicopter rental or charters – as well as unknown service/delivery personnel.
- Be alert to aircraft with unusual or unauthorized modifications.
- Be aware/alert of persons loitering in the vicinity of aircraft or air operations areas – as well as persons loading unusual or unauthorized payload onto aircraft.